

**Town of Amenia**  
**Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting**  
Thursday, March 15, 2012  
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Flood called **Regular Board Meeting** to order at 7:06 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted, with moment of silence for all veterans.

Emergency Exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of room behind the audience at the door entered.

ROLL:	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye
	Ian MacDonald, Esq.	Arrived at 7:25pm

Supervisor Flood stated that town board is awaiting arrival and comments from Ian MacDonald, Esq.  
Supervisor Flood moved to accept **PUBLIC COMMENT**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Euvrard referred to the cost to heat the town building. Figures were clarified by Supervisor Flood as \$49,000 for the heating system. Commented on BAS hired as IT Server. Councilwoman Perotti explained that state bid was utilized for hiring BAS firm. Upgraded system will network all town computers, enabling users to electronically fax, email, and download necessary documents.

Pat Nelligan commented on the Engineering Study to be performed for a Wastewater Treatment System. Study will be a waste of taxpayer money. Cutting hours of staff; consolidating and elimination of positions should be reconsidered.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Building**

**John Fenton, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer**, was introduced by Supervisor Flood. Mr. Fenton stated that office hours will be Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; 8:30am-4:30pm.

**Highway**

Stanley Whitehead reported grading work and sweeping on town roads.

Supervisor Flood, Highway Superintendent, Councilwoman Perotti, and Dan Wheeler, Engineer, met with property owner on **Willow Lane**, regarding drainage that must be moved to a private driveway. Verbal agreement with property owner will allow catch basins to be moved further up the driveway. Councilwoman Perotti reported that costs will be paid by the \$130,000 Community Development Block Grant.

**Town Clerk**  
No Report

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilwoman Riemer to **CLOSE Regular Board Meeting** at 7:22pm with motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Councilwoman Riemer, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti to **OPEN Public Hearing** at 7:23pm with motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2012 TO AMEND THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN CODE BY REPLACING CHAPTER 67 "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION".**

Supervisor Flood read Legal Notice of Public Hearing published in the Millerton News on March 1, 2012 to invite all interested parties in the Town of Amenia for their comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Flood outlined federal government requirements for locations in Flood Plain in the town under the proposed Flood Damage Prevention Law.

MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Hoss to **CLOSE Public Hearing** and Return to **Regular Board Meeting** at 7:26pm with motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION #20 OF 2012**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA, DETERMINING THAT THE TOWN BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE SHORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM (EAF); (2) THE CRITERIA CONTAINED IN SECTION 617.7 (C) OF THE DEC REGULATIONS, AND; (3) THE TEXT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2012, TO IDENTIFY ANY RELEVANT AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN. THE TOWN BOARD DETERMINES THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION WILL HAVE NO ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS; AND THAT THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY ADOPTS A NEGATIVE DECLARATION ARTICULATED IN THE EAF.**

MOTION by Supervisor Flood, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye

## **RESOLUTION #20A OF 2012**

### **A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2012 ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" BY REPLACING CHAPTER 67, "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION" TO THE TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN CODE.**

MOTION by Supervisor Flood, SECOND by Councilwoman Perotti that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye

## **DEPARTMENTS REPORTS (Cont'd)**

### **Water**

Marco D'Antonio submitted monthly water report; will be soliciting bids for inspection of water tank.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Historian**

Arlene Iuliano memorialized the recent passing of Town Clerks; **Marilyn Shields** and **Bessie Bida**. Governor Cuomo has launched a path through history program; NY State's history, tourism awareness, and local historical sites.

### **Recreation**

Tom Werner addressed background checks for those in contact with minors. Supervisor Flood will research these requirements for **Summer Recreation staff**. Tom Werner announced that Brad Rebillard is the Commission's choice as new member.

Supervisor Flood has reviewed the legality of the **Recreation Commission** with the **NYS Committee on Open Government**. As a Commission, meetings must be posted; terms of serving defined. Issue tabled – Copies of all Minutes and Resolutions pertaining to **Recreation Commission** have been distributed by Supervisor Flood to town board members for further discussion.

### **Grants**

Michael Hagerty submitted and reviewed current grant report.

### **Ethics**

Councilwoman Riemer recapped procedures for distribution of Code of Ethics booklet.



## **Wastewater**

Councilwoman Riemer explained the procedures for the proposed engineering services/Wastewater Sewer Project and defined the **core** of these facilities located in the hamlet of Amenia. The Town of Amenia Town Board has allocated monies for this engineering study not to exceed \$20,000.

**Supervisor Flood** read letter from the Wastewater Committee Chairwoman, recommending that the town board enter into a contract with **Clark Engineering Services**.

## **RESOLUTION #22 OF 2012**

### **A RESOLUTION AWARDED CONTRACT FOR PREPARING A GENERAL MAP PLAN AND REPORT FOR POSSIBLE SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE HAMLET OF AMENIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has the authority, pursuant to Section 209-b of the Town Law, to enter into contracts for the preparation of a general map plan and report for providing the facilities, improvements, or services in contemplation of establishing a sewer and/or wastewater disposal district in any portion of the Town not included within the boundaries of any incorporated village, city or existing improvement district in which such facilities or services are provided; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 13 of 2012, the Town Board determined it would appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for the purpose of paying the cost of preparing a general map plan and report for providing sewer and/or wastewater disposal facilities and services to the Hamlet of Amenia; and

**WHEREAS**, a request for proposals for professional engineering services to identify alternatives and estimated costs to construct, operate and maintain a sewer and/or wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the Hamlet of Amenia was properly advertised; and

**WHEREAS**, proposals were opened and read aloud on February 29, 2012, at the Town of Amenia Town Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has reviewed all proposals submitted by the proposal deadline; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Board hereby awards the contract for the professional engineering services to identify alternatives and estimated costs to construct, operate and maintain a sewer and/or wastewater collection and treatment system to serve the Hamlet of Amenia to Clarke Engineering & Surveying, P.C.; and

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Amenia Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor of the Town of Amenia to enter into and execute an agreement with Clark Engineering & Surveying, P.C. in the sum of **\$20,000.00** and authorizes the Town Supervisor to execute any other documents necessary or incidental to the execution of the agreement.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Flood, **SECOND** by Councilwoman Riemer that was;

## **ADOPTED – VOTE**

<b>ROLL:</b>	Councilwoman Perotti	No
	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye

**NOTE:** Subsequent amendment and correction to Resolution from \$16,800 to \$20,000.00 by Town Clerk, with redistribution to necessary parties.

**RESOLUTION #21 OF 2012**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RECONCILE BUDGET LINES.**

**WHEREAS, the Town Board has the authority to transfer funds when necessary and unanticipated to amend the budget; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Budget Line 2770.01 (Unclassified Revenues) requires an increase of \$1080.00 from the DC Arts Council Grant; and**

**WHEREAS, the Town Budget Line 73104.1.00 (Youth Programs) requires an increase of \$1080.00 to reconcile the payments to Wassaic Project; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board authorized the increase of \$1080.00 to said Lines to process the reimbursement transaction.**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Doyle, SECOND by Councilman Hoss that was;  
ADOPTED – VOTE**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye

**OPERATION OF AMENIA TRANSFER STATION**

Supervisor Flood reported that bid proposals were submitted and opened on March 14, 2012.

<b>Lavish, Inc</b>	<b>Bid Prices: Fees by categories</b>
<b>Welsh Sanitation Services</b>	<b>Bid Prices: Fees by categories with Proposal Options A &amp; B</b>

Town Board members will review Proposal(s) submitted by **Welsh Sanitation Services**. Proposal A reflects their **full** responsibility of Amenia Transfer Station. Proposal B indicates that lawn mowing, snow removal will be responsibility of the Town. Ian MacDonald, Esq, Town Attorney recommended that a written lease agreement be executed between the Town Supervisor and Contractor. Supervisor Flood will contact property owner.

**90-DAY APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to extend 90-day appointments for Transfer Station Attendants to April 30, 2012.**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye

**MOTION CARRIED**



MOTION by Councilwoman Perotti, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to APPOINT **Joel Pelkey**, Recreation Leader, and **Shawn Howard**, Recreation Groundskeeper. Appointments made for the remainder of 2012 at current salaries.

ROLL:	Councilman Hoss	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Supervisor Flood	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Tom Werner stated that Recreation Commission was installed by a prior administration.  
Ian MacDonald, Esq. explained that town board members can abolish by resolution.

Pat Nelligan reported that Wastewater Committee minutes are not available on town website.  
Councilwoman Riemer stated that minutes will be posted on website.

Arlene Iuliano requested explanation for Street Scape plans. Town Board advised that plans are being discussed.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

Meeting was held with C.T.Male and Severson for Amenia Landfill Remediation.  
Plans to complete Landfill Project by Fall 2012.  
BAS software/computers have been ordered.

#### **TOWN BOARD COMMENTS**

Councilwoman Riemer commented on town **Election District #4** being split by Board of Elections and recommended that Town Supervisor send letter to County stating an unfavorable outlook for this proposal.

Councilwomen Perotti and Doyle  
Local events announced.

MOTION by Supervisor Flood, SECOND by Councilwoman Doyle to **ADJOURN** Regular Board Meeting at 9:23pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:



Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: April 9, 2012  
Approved by Town Board: April 19, 2012